



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4392 **Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001**

As cleared by the Congress on October 12, 2000

H.R. 4392 would authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2001 for intelligence activities of the U.S. government, the Intelligence Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (CIARDS). The act also would make changes to other laws related to intelligence programs.

The Congressional Budget Office was unable to obtain the necessary information to estimate the costs for the entire act because parts are classified at a level above clearances held by CBO employees; however, the unclassified portion of the act would affect direct spending and receipts. CBO estimates that the pay-as-you-go costs of sections 304, 311, and 401 would be small and sum to less than \$500,000 annually.

Section 304 would establish a new federal crime relating to the unauthorized disclosure of classified information. Because those prosecuted and convicted under the act could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional fines under H.R. 4392. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years.

Section 311 would authorize the National Security Agency (NSA) to offer incentive payments to employees who voluntarily resign or retire. This section would also require the NSA to make a deposit to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund (CSRDF) equal to 15 percent of final pay for each employee who accepts an incentive payment. This section would affect the manner in which funds would be spent from CSRDF. However, based on information from the NSA, less than 30 employees would be offered the incentives detailed in this section. This section will apply only to executive level personnel since general service schedule personnel (through GS-15) can already be offered separation incentives under current law.

Section 401 would modify a program that authorizes the Central Intelligence Agency to provide goods and services on a reimbursable basis. CBO estimates that the costs of providing those goods and services would be offset by the reimbursements and that this provision would have an insignificant net impact each year and no net budgetary impact over the long run.

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